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ZERO'S FAMILIAR

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PRESENTING
PRINCESS
HENRIETTA
OF
TRISTAIN!!



AND
CARDINAL
MASARINI!!



POM!



YOUR
HIGH-
NESS!!

PRIN-
CESS
HENRI-
ETTA!



WOW!

ALL HAIL
TRISTAIN!!



ALL
HAIL...

PRIN-
CESS
HENRI-
ETTA!!

WOW!

ALL HAIL
TRISTAIN!!



ALL
HAIL...

PRIN-
CESS
HENRI-
ETTA!!



.....

HAIL
TRISTAIN!



PRINCESS
HENRIETTA!

ALL HAIL
THE PRIN-
CESS!!





SHE IS A
CLASSIC
BEAUTY,
SLENDER
AND DELI-
CATE.

THE
EPITOME
OF ELE-
GANCE
...!

HER SMILE
IS AS SWEET
AS A ROSE,
AND SHE HAS
THE FORM
OF A NOBLE
GODDESS!!

SHE
IS LIKE
HEAVEN
MADE
REAL!!

OF
COURSE!
OUR
PRINCESS
IS THE
BEAUTIFUL
FLOWER OF
TRISTAIN!!

HWA?
SHE'S THE
PRINCESS OF
TRISTAIN?



I HOPE
SHE'S NOT
JUST ANOTHER
INSIPID PRIN-
CESS WHO
THINKS ALL
GERMANIANS
ARE BARBARIC.

I'M FROM
GERMANIA,
YOU KNOW,
SO I WAS WON-
DERING.

WHAT
?!

THAT'S
A PRETTY
PACKAGE,
FOR SURE.

TRISTAIN
IS TRYING
TO FORM AN
ALLIANCE
WITH
GERMANIA,
AFTER ALL.

I DON'T
THINK
SO.

I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO MARRY A TOTAL STRANGER FROM SOME FOREIGN COUNTRY!!

HOW CAN THEY JUST IGNORE HER FEELINGS?! SHE'S BEING FORCE-FED A HUSBAND!

Arrrrgh!!

WHOA, YOU'RE TAKING THIS REALLY PERSONALLY...

AREN'T MOST ROYAL AND NOBLE WEDDINGS POLITICAL?

BUT ISN'T THE PRINCESS BEING FORCED TO MARRY INTO GERMANIAN ROYALTY TO FORM THE ALLIANCE?

I FEEL SORRY FOR THE PRINCESS.

I CAN SEE HER POINT... MAKING SUCH A HUGE SACRIFICE FOR HER COUNTRY.

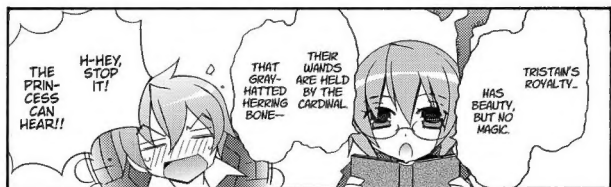




HM? WHAT
BALLAD?

ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT
THE BALLAD
THAT'S ALL
OVER TOWN?

THEY
SAY THE
CARDINAL
IS BEHIND
IT ALL.... I
WOULDN'T BE
SURPRISED
IF THOSE
RUMORS
ARE TRUE.



THE
PRIN-
CESS
CAN
HEAR!!

H-HEY,
STOP
IT!

THAT
GRAY-
HATTED
HERRING
BONE-

THEIR
WANDS
ARE HELD
BY THE
CARDINAL.

HAS
BEAUTY,
BUT NO
MAGIC.

TRISTAN'S
ROYALTY..



BEHIND
THAT
BEAUTIFUL
SMILE.

I'LL
BET THAT
PRINCESS
HENRIETTA
IS HIDING
ALL OF HER
TROUBLES...



WOOF!

I'M MUCH
MORE
BEAUTIFUL
THAN SHE
IS. RIGHT,
DARLING?

I THOUGHT
THE PRINCESS
WOULD
BE MUCH
PRETTIER.

OH WELL,
WHATEVER.



WHAT
?!

IRK



JEEZ,
LOUISE
SHOULD
JUST
FORGIVE
YOU AL-
READY...

SHE
TURNED
YOU INTO
A DOG
AGAIN?

WHINE
...

WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO MEAN...?



WHAT
HAPPENED
THIS
TIME?

HE'S
BEEN
LIKE THAT
SINCE
THIS
MORN-
ING...

I WONDER
IF LOUISE
WILL EVER
LET IT GO.





I AM SO
SORRY FOR WHAT
I DID.
PLEASE
LOOK AT
ME.♡

WOOF
WOOF!

WHIM-
PER~!
♡



I'M
VERY
SORRY.

WOOF...

WOOF
WOOF.



MAS-
TER?

WOOF!

WOOF
WOOF?

IF SHE
WANTS A
GOOD DOG,
MAYBE I
NEED TO
APOLOGIZE...
AS A DOG!



SILENCE

WAG

WAG



ARRRRF!!

WHY IS
SHE STAR-
ING AT THE
PRINCESS
AND COM-
PLETELY
IGNORING
ME?!

WHAT?
NOOOO!!

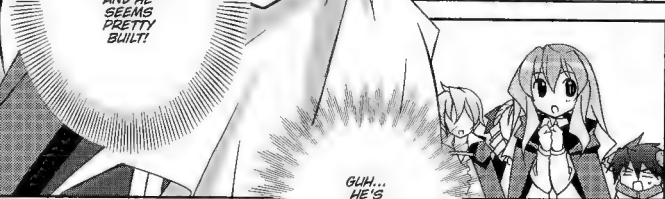




HIS EYES
ARE SHARP
AS A
HAWK'S!

WHO IS HE?
HE'S HOLDING
THE PRINCESS'
HAND. IS HE A
NOBLE?

LOOK
AT THAT
MUSTACHE...
AND HE
SEEMS
PRETTY
BUILT!



GUH...
HE'S
REALLY
HAND-
SOME!!



Unlike
me!

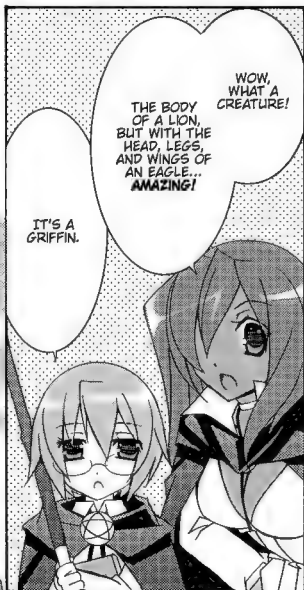
すす
DOOOOM

CRUMBLE

.....











**FINE,
THEN!**

**I'LL
CHEAT,
TOO!!**

SNAP



HAH!

BLUSH

SQUIRM



**HOW CAN
SHE IGNORE
ME TO STARE
AT SOME
STUPID BEARD!
AND SHE'S
BLUSHING!**

**WELL, THEN,
WHATEVER
HAPPENS NOW
IS ALL HER
FAULT!!**

RUMBLE
RUMBLE



!!

TWITCH







D-DARN
IT!!

FIFTEEN
MINUTES
OF FAME.

POINT
OUT

PRIN-
CESS
HENRI-
ETTA!

WELCOME
TO THE
TRISTAIN
ACADEMY
OF MAGIC...

IT'S
BEEN A
LONG TIME
SINCE WE
LAST MET,
HEAD-
MASTER
OSMOND.

I APOLO-
GIZE FOR
VISITING
ON SUCH
SHORT
NOTICE...

THINK
NOTHING
OF IT.



BUT
APPARENTLY
THE QUALIFI-
CATIONS FOR
KNIGHTHOOD
HAVE CHANGED.



I WANTED
TO GRANT
EACH OF THEM
THE RANK OF
CHEVALIER
DURING MY
VISIT...

I HEARD
THE NOBLES
WHO CAUGHT
FOUQUET THE
SCULPTOR ARE
STUDENTS AT
THIS SCHOOL.



DURING MY
ABSENCE.



MANY
THINGS
HAVE BEEN
DECIDED...



YOUR
HIGH-
NESS...



NO...
I'M NOT
TIRED AT
ALL.

EVERYTHING
HAS BEEN
ARRANGED BY
THE CARDINAL,
I JUST DO
WHAT HE
ASKS.



ER...YOU
MUST BE
TIRED FROM
THE LONG
TRIP TO
GERMANIA.

SHALL
WE CANCEL
TONIGHT'S
WELCOME
BANQUET?



UNFOR-
TUNATELY,
YES.

IS THIS
ALLIANCE
TRULY
THE ONLY
OPTION?



THE ALBION
ROYALTY ARE
ON THE BRINK
OF DEFEAT.



REBEL
FORCES IN
ALBION, THE
NATION OF
WHITE, ARE
GAINING
STRENGTH
BY THE
DAY.



THE NOBLES
OF ALBION
ARE TURNING
AGAINST THEIR
RULERS.

FOR
A SMALL
COUNTRY
LIKE TRISTAIN
TO SUR-
VIVE...

SOON, OUR
ALLIES WILL BE
REPLACED BY
USURPERS. WE
MUST HAVE AN
ALLIANCE WITH
ANOTHER NATION
BEFORE THEN.

WE MUST
HAVE A PLAN
FOR THE
FUTURE.



I'M
SURE YOUR
TRUST IN THE
LOYAL NOBLES
OF TRISTAIN
WILL NOT GO
UNREWARDED.



YOU
HAVE GREAT
ANCESTOR
BRIMIR'S
BLESSING,
YOUR HIGH-
NESS.

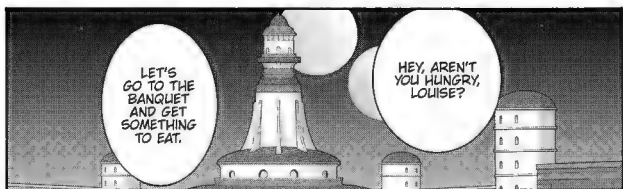
GENTLE
PRINCESS
HENRI-
ETTA...

WE ARE
ENTERING
AN ERA
OF SAD-
NESS...



THANK YOU,
HEADMASTER
OSMOND.

YES,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.



LET'S
GO TO THE
BANQUET
AND GET
SOMETHING
TO EAT.

HEY, AREN'T
YOU HUNGRY,
LOUISE?



IF YOU GET
ANY SKINNIER,
YOUR **CHEST**
WILL SHRINK,
TOO!

ARE YOU
ON A DIET
OR SOME-
THING?

HA HA HA











★ Hah!





IT'S
BEEN
FAR TOO
LONG...

LOUISE
FRAN-
ÇOISE!

Dress Up Louise



Normal Ver.

PRINCESS HENRIETTA

PRINCESS OF THE KINGDOM
OF TRISTAIN. A BEAUTIFUL,
GRACEFUL GIRL WHO THE
CARDINAL MAY BE MANIPULATING,
SHE'S APPARENTLY AN OLD
FRIEND OF LOUISE'S.







**PRINCESS
HENRIETTA!!**

LOUISE!











HOW
COULD I
FORGET...

MY
LOUISE
FRAN-
GOISE?!

I'M SO
GLAD...

YOU RE-
MEMBER
ME!

Uhhhh...





WE CHASED
BUTTERFLIES
IN THE
PALACE
GARDENS...

OF
COURSE
I RE-
MEMBER!



WE WERE
SCOLDED BY
CHAMBERLAIN
LA PORTE
FOR COMING
BACK
COVERED
IN MUD.



THE TWO
OF US...

WE WERE
ALWAYS
TOGETHER.

WE
LAUGHED
ALL DAY
LONG.

CAREFREE,
WITH NO
WORRIES.

WE HAD
A LOT OF
FUN BACK
THEN.



OF
COURSE,
I ALWAYS
LOST. AND
THEN I
WOULD
CRY.

WE FOUGHT
OVER
SWEETS...

AND
MADE A
COMPLETE
MESS OF
OUR-
SELVES.

N-NO!

I SEEM TO
RECALL YOU
WINNING
SEVERAL
TIMES, YOUR
HIGHNESS!







'SCUSE
ME...

WHO IS
HE?

OH...
SAITO.

I
almost
forgot!



YOU
REMEMBER
THE TIME
WE SPENT
TOGETHER!

I'M SO
GLAD...

OH, STOP,
LOUISE! IT
WAS TOO
FUNNY--I'M
CRYING!

COME
NOW, HOW
COULD I
EVER
FORGET?



I AM
HONORED
TO HAVE
BEEN HER
CHILDHOOD
FRIEND.

THIS IS
PRINCESS
HENRIETTA,
PRINCESS OF
THE KINGDOM
OF TRISTAIN.

HELLO.

SAITO,
LISTEN
VERY
CARE-
FULLY!

OH...H.

GAZE







I ENVY
YOUR
FREEDOM.

YOU TRULY
HAVEN'T
CHANGED
AT ALL,
LOUISE.



SAITO!
STOP
GAWKING!!

STRAIGHT-
EN UP, OR
SHE'LL
THINK
YOU'RE
BEING
RUDE!!

PINCH



TSK...

TSK.



A LITTLE
BIRD SENT
INTO THE
WORLD
AT HER
OWNER'S
WHIM.

A PRIN-
CESS IS
A CAGED
BIRD...

YOUR
HIGHNESS...
IS SOME-
THING
WRONG?!



.....



C-CON-
GRATULA-
TIONS...

ON YOUR
ENGAGE-
MENT.



I'M GOING
TO BE
MARRIED.



GERMANIA?!

BUT IT'S
SUCH A
VULGAR,
BARBARIC
COUNTRY!

I'M...

GOING TO
MARRY THE
GERMANIAN
EMPEROR.

I KNOW...
BUT FORMING
AN ALLIANCE
WITH THEM
IS VITAL.

BEFORE
THE REBEL
FORCES
IN ALBION
OVERTHROW
THE KING...

I MUST
MAKE MY
SACRIFICE
AND GO TO
GERMANIA,
FOR THE
FUTURE OF
TRISTAIN.



ARE
THERE
REALLY...

PEOPLE
WHO WOULD
PLAN SUCH
THINGS...?



NOD



THE
REBELLIOUS
NOBLES OF
ALBION...

ARE
LOOKING
FOR A WAY
TO RUIN THIS
ALLIANCE.

WHAT
?!



PLEASE,
YOUR
HIGHNESS!
DO YOU
ACTUALLY
KNOW WHAT
THEY'RE
PLOTING?!

LOUISE,
I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT TO
DO...!

OH, GREAT
ANCESTOR
BRIMIR, PLEASE
SAVE THIS
UNFORTUNATE
PRINCESS!

BUT
I JUST
CAN'T ASK
THAT OF
MY DEAR
FRIEND...!

I...ALMOST
ASKED YOU
TO GO TO A
WAR ZONE
IN ALBION
FOR ME...

I KNOW YOU
DEFEATED
FOLQUET THE
SCULPTOR, SO
I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT
BE ABLE TO
HELP ME!

I'M SO
SORRY,
LOUISE!

I VOW MY
ALLEGIANCE
TO YOU FOR
ETERNITY,
YOUR HIGH-
NESS!!

I, LOUISE
FRANCOISE,
THIRD
DAUGHTER
OF THE LA
VALLIERE, AM
BOTH YOUR
SUPPORTER
AND YOUR
BEST FRIEND!

PRIN-
CESS!!

YOUR
HIGH-
NESS!!

I WILL
NEVER
FORGET
YOUR FRIEND-
SHIP AND
LOYALTY!

THANK
YOU,
LOUISE!

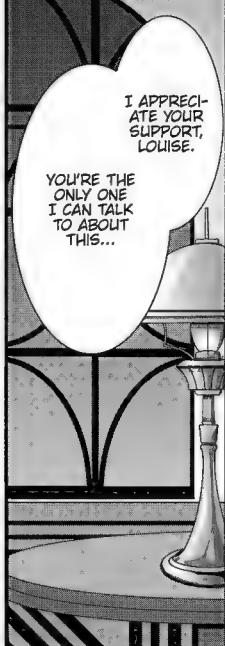
the
HUG



PLEASE
NEVER
SHARE
WHAT
I TELL
YOU...



WITH
ANYONE
OUTSIDE
THIS
ROOM.



I APPRECI-
ATE YOUR
SUPPORT,
LOUISE.

YOU'RE THE
ONLY ONE
I CAN TALK
TO ABOUT
THIS...



THERE'S
NO NEED
FOR HIM TO
LEAVE.

A MAGE
AND HER
FAMILIAR
WORK AS
A TEAM.

UH,
YOUR
HIGHNESS
...?!

WAIT!

UH...
SHOULD I
GET OUT
OF HERE?



AND
TRISTAIN
MAY FALL
AS WELL.

ALBION
WILL
SOON
FALL...

PLEASE
LISTEN
CARE-
FULLY.



THIS
DISASTER
COULD BE
TRIGGERED
BY ONE
SMALL
THING.

IT IS...



GULP.



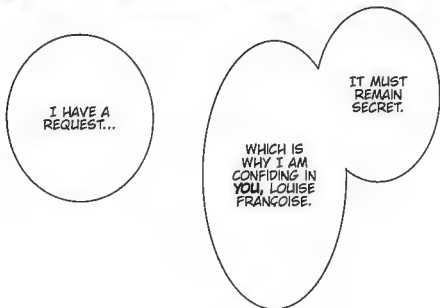
A LETTER.

PRINCE
WALES?!
THE
HANDSOME
ALBION
PRINCE...?

A LETTER
I SENT
TO PRINCE
WALES,
LONG AGO.

YES, IF
MY LETTER
TO PRINCE
WALES...

FALLS
INTO THE
HANDS OF
THE REBEL
FORCES...





A black and white manga panel showing two young women. The woman on the left has short, dark hair and is looking towards the woman on the right. The woman on the right has long, light-colored hair and is speaking with an enthusiastic expression. There are three speech bubbles above them.

BUT...ARE
YOU SURE
ABOUT
THIS?

YES,
THAT'S
RIGHT...

I UNDER-
STAND!
PLEASE
LET ME
DO IT!

YOU WANT
ME TO GO TO
ALBION, FIND
PRINCE WALES,
AND **RETRIEVE**
THE LETTER,
CORRECT?



A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of the long-haired girl from the previous panel. She has a determined and confident expression, looking slightly to the side. A speech bubble is next to her.

WE'LL
LEAVE
IN THE
MORNING!

**ABSO-
LUTELY.** I
SWEAR ON
MY LIFE,
I WILL
SUCCEED!



A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of the short-haired girl from the previous panel. She has a soft, trusting expression, looking towards the other character. A speech bubble is next to her.

I HAVE
FAITH IN
YOU...





I SEE.

A MASTER
SHOULDN'T
SPOIL HER
FAMILIAR.

I NEED TO
PUT HIM IN
HIS PLACE...



ISN'T
THAT A
LITTLE
HARSH?
HE
SEEMS A
BIT DE-
PRESSED.

SNIFF...



WHAT A
BRAVE
FAMILIAR.



OF
COURSE
I WAS!



HUH?
YOU
TALKING
ABOUT
ME?









LOOK AT
HER, SHE'S
SMILING
LIKE AN
ANGEL!

SO I CAN
KISS HER
WITHOUT
FEELING
GUILTY?!



I GUESS
I'M NOT
A TOTAL
DOG.

THE
PRINCESS
LIKES
ME.









DON'T
ACT LIKE
YOU DON'T
KNOW...

YOU FILTHY
MUTT...!!



HOW DARE
YOU DO
THAT TO THE
PRINCESS?!!

BOOM
B-B-B-BOOOON
BOOM



UH...
WOOF?

FAINT~

Dress Up Louise



Maid Ver.

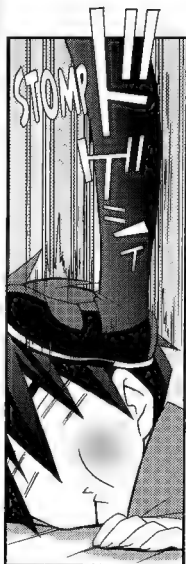
VISCOUNT WARDES

HIS FULL NAME IS JEAN-JACQUES FRANCIS DE WARDES. HE'S THE CAPTAIN OF TRISTAIN'S GRIFFIN KNIGHTS, AND A SQUARE WIND MAGE. ALSO KNOWN AS "LIGHTNING." THE VISCOUNT ALSO SEEMS TO KNOW LOUISE...?













SO...
PLEASE...
I'LL BE
FINE.

I-IT'S
ALL RIGHT.
I WANT TO
SHOW MY
GRATITUDE
TO LOYAL
SERVANTS,
AFTER ALL.



I'M
FINE.

I'M
FINE.

GREAT.
GLAD TO
HEAR IT!

YOUR
HIGH-
NESS
....!

IT'S
NOT
FINE!!

WHAM





I REMEMBER
HOW YOU
BATTERED ME
WITH YOUR
MAGIC LAST
TIME!

A DUEL?
YEAH
RIGHT!



WHUD

ACK!!



HE OVER-
HEARD
OUR
CONVER-
SATION. THAT'S
BAD.

HMM...

EXECUTION?
HANGING,
MAYBE?

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO
WITH
HIM?

GRRGH...



STAND

HEY!



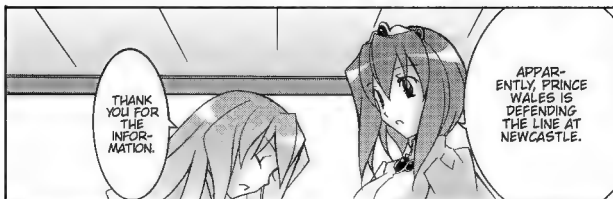
YOUR
HIGHNESS,
DON'T
WORRY.

WE'LL
TAKE
CARE OF
HIM!

TAKE
CARE...?









ANY-
THING TO
DESTROY
TRISTAIN
FOR GOOD.

THEY
WILL DO
ANYTHING
TO STOP
YOU...

IF THE
ALBION
NOBLES
FIND OUT
ABOUT YOUR
MISSION...

EVEN
THOUGH I
KNEW THE
DANGER...

WRITING
AND
SENDING
IT TO THE
PRINCE.

I JUST
COULDN'T
HELP...

THAT MY
LETTER
WOULD BE
FOR OUR
KINGDOM...

PRIN-
CESS...?





LOUISE...

ONCE HE
READS IT, HE
WILL SURELY
RETURN THE
OTHER.

WHEN YOU
MEET PRINCE
WALES, PLEASE
GIVE HIM *THIS*
LETTER.



A RING?

ALSO...

TAKE
THIS.



OR, YOU
CAN SELL
IT AND USE
THE MONEY
TO PAY FOR
EXPENSES.

THIS IS
A WATER
RUBY, GIVEN
TO ME BY MY
MOTHER.
IT WILL
PROTECT
YOU.



REMEMBER, THE
OUTCOME
OF THIS
MISSION...

WILL
DETERMINE
TRISTAIN'S
FUTURE.

MAY
THIS
WATER
RUBY...

THE
HARSH
WINDS OF
ALBION.

PROTECT
YOU
FROM...

MAY
THIS
WATER
RUBY...

WILL
DETERMINE
TRISTAIN'S
FUTURE.

REMEM-
BER, THE
OUTCOME
OF THIS
MISSION...



PROTECT
YOU
FROM...

THE
HARSH
WINDS OF
ALBION.






I HATE
THIS--I
KNOW IT'S
GONNA
MESS UP
MY BACK!

I'M NOT
USED TO
RIDING
HORSES
ALL DAY.



WHAT
FAVOR?

OH, YES.
BEFORE WE
GO, I HAVE
A FAVOR
TO ASK.



I feel
sorry
for the
horse.

YOU'VE GOT
ENTHUSIASM
TO SPARE,
THAT'S FOR
SURE.

WHAT A
FEATHER-
WEIGHT!
A LITTLE
ENTHUSIASM
WILL CURE
THAT!



YOUR
FAMIL-
IAR?!

CAN I
BRING MY
FAMILIAR
ALONG?



BROOSH

!!

THIS IS MY
ADORABLE
AND FAITH-
FUL FAMILIAR,
VERDANDI!!

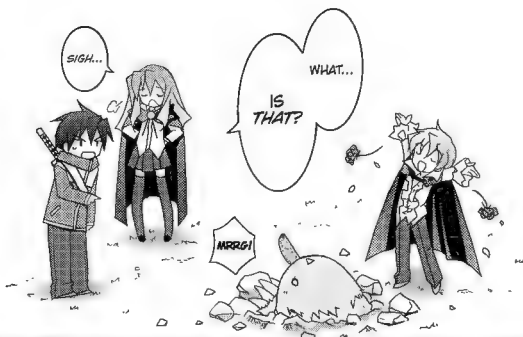
ISN'T HE
LOVELY?

MRRG...

MRRG!

MRRG!

.....









HEY! WHAT
ARE YOU
IMPLYING?

DOES YOUR
FAMILIAR DO
THAT ON ITS
OWN, OR
DOES IT JUST
TAKE AFTER
ITS MASTER?

NO--!!

DON'T
TOUCH ME
THERE!!



THAT'S
ENOUGH,
MOLE!

HIC
HIC

EGGS...



H-

HEY!!

CUT
IT
OUT!







AH!

STOP
....

LOOK
AT
THAT.

IT'S
PRETTY
HOT,
WATCHING
A GIRL PLAY
WITH A
GIANT
MOLE, EH?

DON'T
JUST
STAND
THERE!
DO
SOME-
THING!!

QUITE
SO!

ST-
STOP
--!!

WOOOSH















I'M
LOUISE'S
FIANCÉ!

HUH...?

FIANCÉ?!

Dress Up Louise



Nightgown Ver.

CARDINAL MASARINI

CARDINAL OF THE KINGDOM OF TRISTAIN, HE WATCHES OVER PRINCESS HENRIETTA. BEHIND HIS BACK, PEOPLE CALL HIM THE "GRAY-HATTED HERRING BONE."





YES,
WE
ARE!!

WELL,
SORT
OF--

FIANCÉ...?

LOUISE,
ARE YOU
AND
VISCOUNT
WARDES
GETTING
MARRIED?!



IF YOU'RE
HIS FIANCÉE,
THEN YOU'RE
GONNA
MARRY HIM,
RIGHT?

WHAT'S
WRONG?



NO...!
WAIT A
MINUTE!

WHAT A
SURPRISE!
I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
HAD SUCH A
HANDSOME
FIANCÉ!



W-WELL...

MY
PARENTS
DECIDED
ALL OF THIS
WHEN I WAS
LITTLE...!

LOUISE,
DON'T BE
SO BASH-
FUL!

WAIT...

WARDES
?!

SHOOOP

LIGHT
AS A
FEATHER!

YOU'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN SO
LIGHT!

OH, MY
LOUISE!

KYAA?!

Ha
ha
ho!

LOUISE,
DON'T BE
SO BASH-
FUL!

WAIT...

WARDES
?!

SNOOP



LIGHT
AS A
FEATHER!

KYAA?!

YOU'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN SO
LIGHT!

OH, MY
LOUISE!



PLEASE,
INTRODUCE ME
TO THESE
GENTLEMEN.

OH,
LOUISE!



Ha
ha!

SORRY,
LOUISE. I
COULDN'T
HELP MY-
SELF.

P-PLEASE
PUT ME
DOWN...



AND...

LI-UM...

GLUCHE DE
GRAMMONT.

MY
FAMILIAR...
SAITO.

BOW



MY, I
DIDN'T
EXPECT
A
HUMAN!

YOU ARE
LOUISE'S
FAMILIAR?!



THANK YOU
FOR TAKING
SUCH GOOD
CARE OF MY
FIANCE.



YEAH,
WHAT-
EVER.

Not like
I have
much
of a
choice





BUT MR.
FIANCE HERE,
NOW HE'S
COOL!!

I GUESS...
ONLY AN
ODDBALL
WOULD
GO FOR
GUICHE...

HE
PRACTI-
CALLY
REEKS
OF...

MANLI-
NESS!

HEARD
ME

GUICHE ME!

AND THAT
MUS-
TACHE...!

THANKS

HIS EYES
ARE SO
SHARP
LIKE AN
EAGLE'S...

THIS
GUY SEEMS
GENUINELY
TOUGH...
AND BUILT!
NOBODY ELSE
IN THIS WORLD
EVEN COMES
CLOSE!!

WE
COULD
PROBABLY
TWIST ME
INTO A
PRETZEL
WITH
JUST HIS
NOSE
HARS!

HERE I
THOUGHT
ALL NOBLE
MAGES
WERE
WIMPS LIKE
GUICHE.



AFTER
ALL, YOU
DEFEATED
FOUQUET
THE
SCULPTOR,
CORRECT?

DON'T
WORRY!

YOU
HAVE
NOTHING
TO BE
AFRAID
OF!

UH,
YEAH...



ARE YOU
SCARED
TO GO TO
ALBION?

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?

TOUGH



AND
HE'S...

SO
NICE.

AH
HA
HA
HA
HA!

YOU CAN
DO ANY-
THING!

SEE?
YOU HAVE
MORE
THAN
ENOUGH
COURAGE!

PAT

HA

PAT





LOUISE.

COME...



Um...



WHAT A
CHEESY
PLAYBOY
LINE!

"COME"?
WHAT WAS
THAT?!

B-
BUT...!

MY
GRIFFIN
WILL GIVE
YOU A MUCH
SMOOTHER
RIDE THAN
A HORSE!

HOP
ON.

WE HAVE
A BIG TIME
PLAYER
ON OUR
HANDS!

I
take
it all
back!







GOOD!

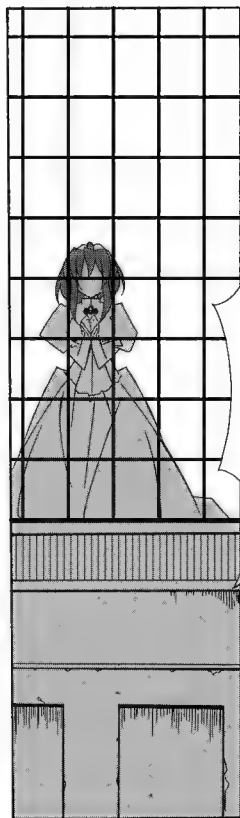


IS
EVERYONE
READY?



YES,
SIR!!





OFF
WE
GO!!

VERY
WELL!

POINT

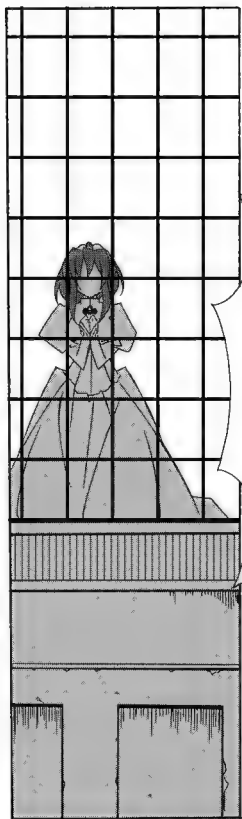


YES,
SIR!!

IS
EVERYONE
READY?

GOOD!

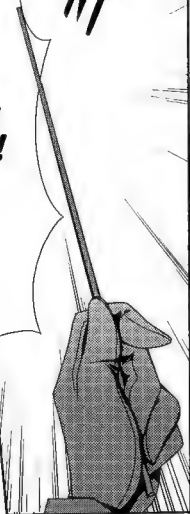




**OFF
WE
GO!!**

**VERY
WELL!**

POINT





PLEASE
BLESS
THEIR
MISSION.

BRIMIR...



OH,
GREAT
ANCESTOR...



I'M BUSY
PLUCKING
MY NOSE
HAIRS.

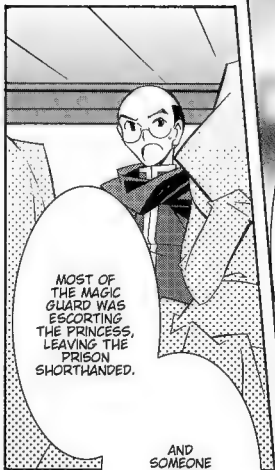
OH HO
HO... AS
YOU CAN
SEE, YOUR
HIGH-
NESS...



YOU'RE
NOT GOING
TO SEE
THEM OFF,
HEAD-
MASTER
OSMOND?







MOST OF
THE MAGIC
GUARD WAS
ESCORTING
THE PRINCESS,
LEAVING THE
PRISON
SHORTHANDED.

AND
SOMEONE
HELPED
THE THIEF
ESCAPE!!

ACCORDING
TO THE
GUARDS
ON DUTY, A
MYSTERIOUS
MAN WHO
CLAIMED TO BE
A NOBLE...

KNOCKED
THEM LIN-
CONSCIOUS
WITH WIND
MAGIC!

SO...

WHAT
YOU'RE
IMPLYING
IS...





THIS IS
REALLY
BAD NEWS!

YES!

THERE
IS A
TRAITOR
IN OUR
RANKS!



SIR, HOW
CAN YOU
BE SO
COMPLA-
CENT?!

LET'S
TALK
ABOUT IT
LATER.

ALL
RIGHT,
ALL
RIGHT.



A
TRAITOR
IN
TRISTAIN...



I'M SO
SORRY!!

M-MY
APOLO-
GIES,
YOUR
MAJESTY!

Ack!

CALM
DOWN,
MISTER
COLBERT.

YOU'RE
IN THE
PRESENCE
OF THE
PRINCESS.
COMPOSE
YOURSELF.









GREAT
ANCESTOR
BRIMIR'S
LEGENDARY
FAMILIAR...
GANDÁLFR?!

YOU'RE
SAYING...
THAT BOY
IS A REIN-
CARNATION
OF...



YES,
THAT'S
WHAT I
MEANT.

I SAID HE
MIGHT BE AS
STRONG AS
GANDÁLFR.

OH?

ER,
AHEM.



ERR...
WELL,
NOW...
I DIDN'T
QUITE SAY
THAT...

CRIPES...!
I SAID
TOO
MUCH.





IS FROM
ANOTHER
WORLD...?

THAT
FAMILIAR...



TSK...



ouch



THE
ALBION
KING IS
GOING
DOWN!

THEN
LET'S PRAY
FOR **GOOD**
WINDS
FROM THAT
OTHER
WORLD.



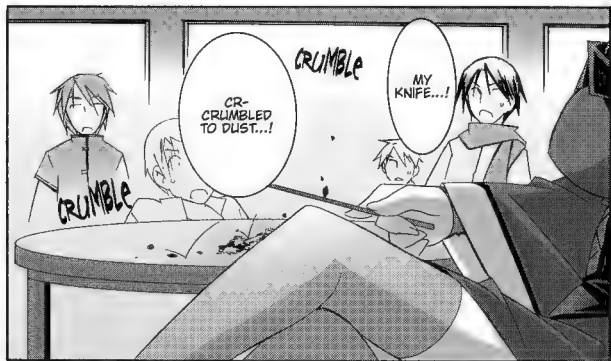
GAH
HA
HA
HA!

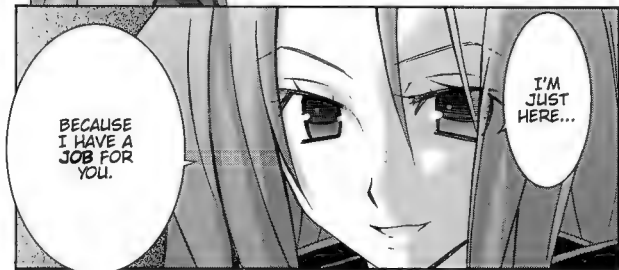
WILL WE
REALLY
BECOME A
REPUBLIC?

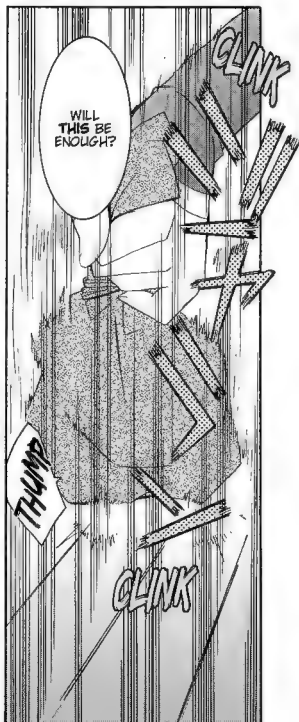
CHEERS TO
THE NEW
REPUBLIC!!













.....

GULP

I HIRED
THESE MEN,
AS YOU
ORDERED.

GOOD.

THEY'RE
GONE.

EXCEL-
LENT.



YEAH,
I QUIT
TOO!!

HA
HA
HA!

IT AIN'T
WORTH
SERVING
A MASTER
WHO'S ON
THE LOSING
SIDE!

YEAH!
UNTIL
LAST
MONTH,
THAT IS.

YOU WERE
PREVIOUSLY
EMPLOYED BY
THE ALBION
ROYALTY,
CORRECT?



Dress Up Louise



Bath towel Ver.

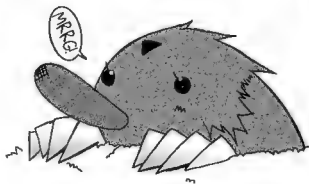
GRIFFIN

VISCOUNT WARDES' FAMILIAR. A LEGENDARY CREATURE WITH THE HEAD, WINGS, AND TALONS OF AN EAGLE, AND THE BODY OF A LION. CAN CARRY HUMANS, AND FLIES FREELY THROUGH THE SKIES.



VERDANDI

GUICHE'S FAMILIAR. A GIANT MOLE THAT CAN DIG AND TRAVEL UNDERGROUND. LOVES MINERAL ORE AND JEWELRY.



MY DEAR
FRIEND..!

YOU ARE THE
ONLY ONE I CAN
RELY ON TO
COMPLETE THIS
MISSION...

LOUISE
FRANÇOISE.

PRINCESS...

AND
FOR MY
BELOVED
COUNTRY,
TRISTAIN!

I MUST
GO TO
ALBION!
FOR THE
PRINCESS!

SLIDE

B-
BUT...

TWITCH



What
are you
thinking
about so
deeply?

Lou-
ise?

**THERE
ARE...
SO MANY
DISTRAC-
TIONS!!**

**I NEED TO
CONCENTRATE
ON THE
MISSION!!**



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THAT'S
SOME-
THING
A MAGE
SHOULD
NEVER
DO!

BESIDES...
I CAN'T
LEAVE MY
FAMILIAR
BEHIND.

THEY'RE
MY
FRIENDS!



Ha
ha
ho!
Jeez!

MY
PARENTS...
ARRANGED
THIS EN-
GAGEMENT
WHEN I
WAS JUST
A KID...

GOOD.
AS YOUR
FIANCE', I
WOULD DIE
IF I FOUND
OUT YOU
HAD A BOY-
FRIEND!



YOU'RE
VERY
CONCERNED
ABOUT
THEM.
IS ONE
OF THEM
YOUR BOY-
FRIEND?

WHA
--?!

NO
WAY!
IT'S
NOT
LIKE
THAT!



WARDEN!

AHH, MY
LITTLE
LOUISE!!

ARE
YOU
MAD AT
ME?



DO YOU
REMEMBER?
AFTER MY
FATHER DIED
DURING THE
LANCER
CAMPAIGN...

YOU'LL
ALWAYS
BE A
LITTLE
GIRL TO
ME.



HOW
RUDE!

I'M
NOT A
CHILD
ANY-
MORE!

HA
HA
HA!

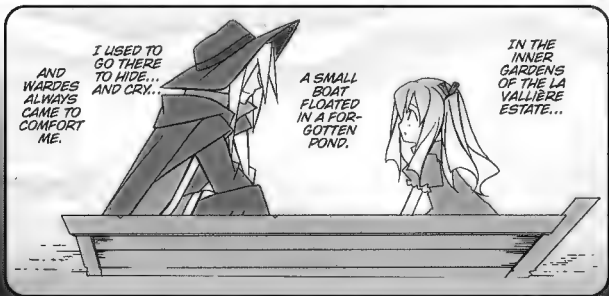


SO I
COULD
MARRY
YOU.

I PROMISED
YOU THAT
I'D BECOME
A GREAT
NOBLE...

I WORKED
VERY HARD
TO MOVE UP
THE RANKS.

I INHERITED
HIS TITLE AND
ESTATE, AND
BECAME
CAPTAIN OF
THE MAGIC
GUARDS.



I USED TO
GO THERE
TO HIDE...
AND CRY...
AND WARDES
ALWAYS
CAME TO
COMFORT
ME.

A SMALL
BOAT
FLOATED
IN A FOR-
GOTTEN
POND.

IN THE
INNER
GARDENS
OF THE LA
VALLIÈRE
ESTATE...



BACK
THEN,
BEING
ENGAGED
TO HIM...

I LOOKED UP
TO HIM. HE WAS
GENTLE AND
BRAVE, AND
WHEN I WAS
WITH HIM, I
FELT SAFE AND
CONTENT.

BUT
NOW,
I'M NOT
SURE.

I THINK IT
MADE ME
HAPPY.

NOT
SURE
WHAT I
WANT...



I NEVER
FORGOT
ABOUT
YOU.

WHAT?

WONDERFUL!
DOES THAT
MEAN YOU
LOVE ME?

I REALLY
ADMIRED YOU
WHEN I WAS
YOUNG...



DON'T
LET THIS
WORRY YOU.
I'M SURE YOU'LL
REMEMBER
YOUR FEELINGS
FOR ME DURING
OUR TRIP.

TRUE.

YOU...
YOU
CAUGHT
ME OFF
GUARD.

AND
NOW YOU
SUDDENLY
REAP-
PEAR...

BUT WE
HAVEN'T
SEEN
EACH IN
OVER TEN
YEARS.

SHEESH.
WHAT'S HE
DOING?

HE'S
TIRED
ALREADY?
WHAT A
WIMP!

RGH!

IF I
REALLY
LOVE
HIM.

I JUST
DON'T
KNOW...

GLANCE

DO ALL
THE MAGIC
GUARDS HAVE
UNLIMITED
STAMINA OR
SOMETHING?

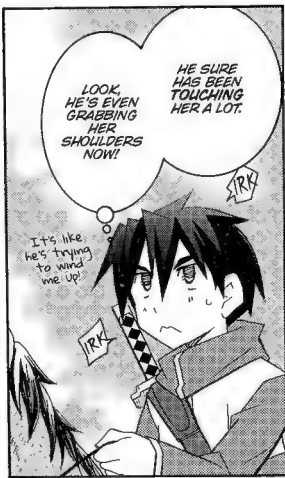
HUFF

HUFF..

WE'VE
BEEN
RUNNING
FOR HALF
A DAY, AND
HE HASN'T
SLOWED
DOWN
YET...

My
back is
killing
me.

UGH...
I DON'T
CARE!



LOVE NEVER WORKS OUT BETWEEN NOBLES AND COMMONERS.

YOU'RE A SORRY FELLOW, WITH FEELINGS OF UNREQUITED LOVE TOWARDS YOUR MASTER!

SHUT UP, MOLE-FREAK!

I DON'T LIKE HER AT ALL!!

WH-WH-WHAT WAS THAT?!

AM I RIGHT? DID I HIT THE BULL'S-EYE?

Aaaaarg!

HE'S WHAT?!!

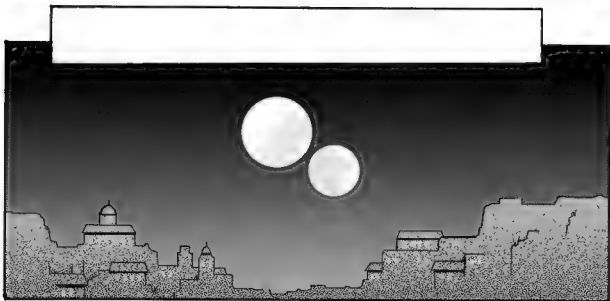
TURN

THEY'RE KISSING!

OH MY!

JUST KIDDING.

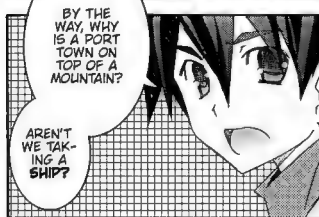
BLUSH





I NEVER
THOUGHT
OF CHANGING
HORSES
ALONG THE
WAY.

I'M VERY
TIRED, BUT
I'M SURE I
CAN LAST
UNTIL WE
REACH AN
INN.



BY THE
WAY, WHY
IS A PORT
TOWN ON
TOP OF A
MOUNTAIN?

AREN'T
WE TAK-
ING A
SHIP?



LA
ROCHELLE
IS JUST
UP THIS
RIDGE.

AH,
GOOD.



I DON'T
KNOW ANY-
THING ABOUT
ALBION! WHY
WOULD A PORT
BE IN THE
MOUNTAINS--
HOW DOES
THAT EVEN
WORK?!

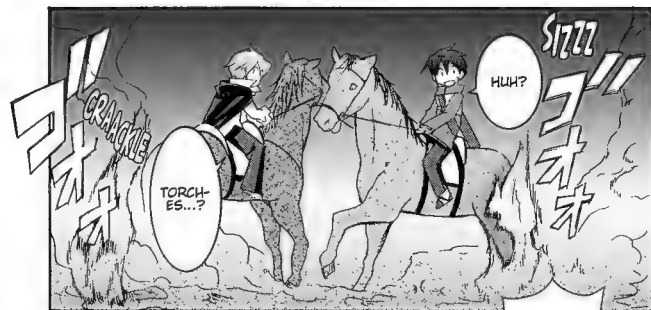
'COURSE
I DON'T
KNOW!

DON'T
YOU KNOW
WHERE
ALBION
IS?

OF
COURSE
WE'LL
GO BY
SHIP!

SERI-
OUSLY?

Heh
heh







SAITO!
GLICHE!

IT'S AN
AMBUSH!
LOOK
OUT!!



OWW
...!

WHAT
WAS
THAT?!

Ouch...



COULDN'T
YOU
HAVE
SAID
SOME-
THING
BEFORE
NOW?!

YOU'RE
THE
ONES
IN THE
AIR!



Y
A
A
G
H
?!!

K
P
P
T
T





HIDE
IN THE
SHAD-
OWS!

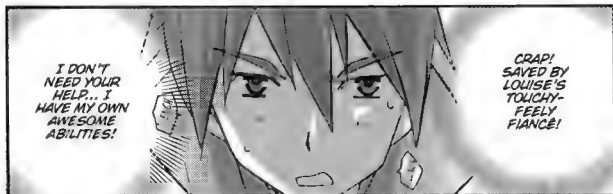
A-ALL
RIGHT...

IF
YOU'RE
NOT
FIGHTING,
STAY OUT
OF THE
WAY!



S-SAYS
YOU...

WE'RE
OKAY.



I DON'T
NEED YOUR
HELP... I
HAVE MY OWN
AWESOME
ABILITIES!

CRAP!
SAVED BY
LOUISE'S
TOUCHY-
FEELY
FIANCE!



GRIP

I CAN
FIGHT,
TOO!



YOU
BETTER
NOT BE
ASLEEP!

HEY, DER-
FLINGER!!

ZAA



Been
cooped
up in that
sheath for
far too long.
Feels good
to stretch
my blade.

I'm raring
to go,
partner!!

Nope!



YEAH,
LET'S
DO
THIS!!

You're
fired up,
aren't
ya?!

THE RUNES
ON MY LEFT
HAND ARE
GLOWING...
AND MY
EXHAUSTION
IS GONE,
TOO!



COME
OUT, YOU
BASTARDS!!

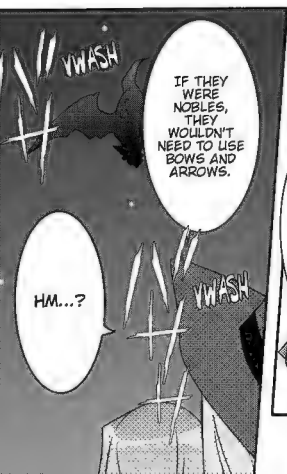
ALL
RIGHT!



JUST
AS I
THOUGHT!

COULD
IT
BE...?

THE RUNES
ON HIS LEFT
HAND ARE
GLOWING!



IF THEY
WERE
NOBLES,
THEY
WOULDN'T
NEED TO
USE BOWS
AND
ARROWS.

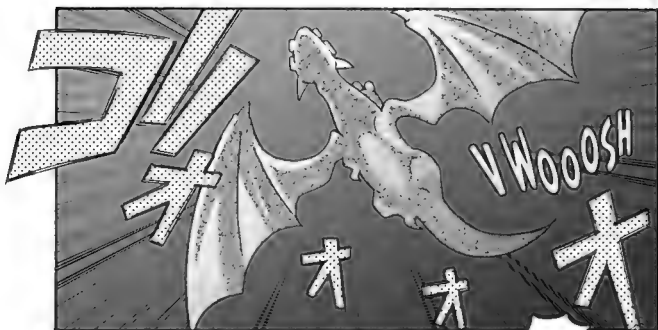
HM...?



PROBABLY
ROBBERS
OR BANDITS.

WARDES,
WHO ARE
THEY?

I WONDER
IF THEY'RE
ALBION
NOBLES?





WIND
BREAK.



AAAAAHH!!

VWOOOOOOOM







WHAT
ARE YOU
TWO DOING
HERE?!

YOU'VE
GOT
TO BE
KIDDING!



TA-DA!



Isn't
that right,
Tabitha?

SO I WOKE
TABITHA
AND WE
FOLLOWED
YOU!

I SAW YOU
GUYS GET
HORSES AND
LEAVE...

UH, WE
CAME TO
HELP!

NOD

Ummm...

NOD





WHAT?!

HUH?

BUT
PLEASE,
DON'T
TOUCH
ME.

I APPRECI-
ATE THE
THOUGHT...



HM?



I SAID I
LIKE YOU!

KIRCHE IS
BEWILDERED
BY HIS
REJECTION.

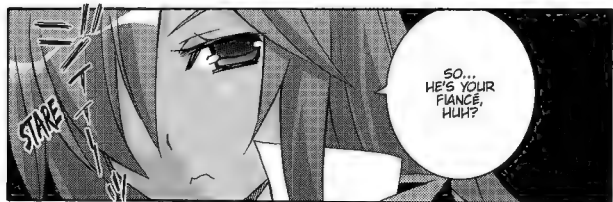
ARE YOU
SERIOUS?!



I DON'T
WANT MY
FIANCEE TO
MISUNDER-
STAND.

I
APOLO-
GIZE
FOR MY
RUDE-
NESS.

WHY DID
YOU PUSH
ME AWAY?
WHAT THE
HECK?!









ARE
YOU...
INTER-
ESTED
IN HIM?



I WAS JUST
TRYING TO...
DISCIPLINE MY
FAMILIAR.



AH...?

OH, WARDES
...



OF
COURSE I
WOULDN'T...

HE'S
JUST A
FAMILIAR.

O-OF
COURSE
NOT...



FINE.
LET
THEM
GO.

THEY
CLAIM TO
BE ROB-
BERS.

VISCOUNT
WARDES!





EVERY-
THING'S SO
SHINY!!

THIS
IS SO
LUXURI-
OUS!!

WOW!

THE SILKEN
GODDESS IS
LA ROCHELLE'S
BEST LODGE
FOR NOBLES.

My
diving
is so
cute. ♡

Hey
now...
CONTAIN
YOUR
EXCITE-
MENT!

Even
the
spoons!!

THANK
YOU FOR
WAITING,
EVERYONE!

AH!

I'm
back.

WELCOME
BACK!

STAND

Play-
boy
THEY'RE
FINDING A
SHIP FOR
TOMOR-
ROW.

BY THE
WAY, WHERE
ARE LOUISE
AND THAT
PLAYBOY?

UGH...
HE'S
TOUCHING
HER
AGAIN.

THE
NEXT SHIP
TO ALBION
WON'T LEAVE
UNTIL TWO DAYS FROM
NOW.

WE'VE GOT
SOME BAD
NEWS...

TOMORROW
IS THE
NIGHT OF
ISOLATION.

I'VE
NEVER
BEEN TO
ALBION
BEFORE--
IS THERE A
PROBLEM?

WHY ISN'T
THERE A
SHIP TO-
MORROW?

I GUESS
WE'RE
STUCK
FOR A
WHILE...

BECAUSE
OF THE
TIDES OR
SOME-
THING?

HOW
DOES
IT GET
CLOSER?

THE
MORNING
AFTER THAT
IS WHEN
ALBION IS
CLOSEST TO
LA ROCHELLE.

You
really
don't
know
anything,
do you?

IT'S
WHEN
THE TWIN
MOONS
OVERLAP.

NIGHT OF
ISOLATION?
WHAT'S
THAT?







I WISH
TO SPEAK
TO YOU IN
PRIVATE.



I RESERVED
THE BEST
ROOM...



WHERE
NO ONE
WILL
BOTHER
US.



I WISH
TO...

SPEND
SOME TIME
ALONE
WITH YOU.

To-Be Continued!

Dress Up Louise



SAITO-Parka Ver.

AFTERWORD!



THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH!

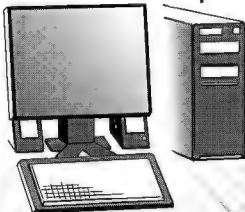
I COULDN'T
HAVE COME
THIS FAR
WITHOUT THE
SUPPORT OF
THE FANS AND
STAFF.



WE'VE
FINALLY
REACHED
VOLUME 3!

GOOD
AFTERNOON,
ZERO'S
FAMILIAR
FANS!

MY DRAWING
DEPENDS
ON THIS
CONTRAPTION,
BUT I KNOW
NOTHING
ABOUT
HARDWARE...
SO MY FRIEND
SELECTED THE
BEST ITEMS
FOR ME!



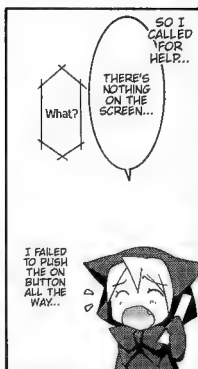
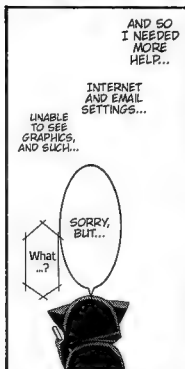
THIS IS AN
ESSENTIAL
TOOL FOR
AN ARTIST.

I PURCHASED
A NEW DESK-
TOP PC!!

TA-DA

IN THE
SECOND
VOLUME, I
FOUND OUT
I WASN'T
A TECHIE,
BUT...





KANNO-SAN PATIENTLY HELPED ME.

YUJI-SAN PICKED OUT MY COMPUTER.

I'M NOT JUST A NON-TECHIE, BUT A REALLY STUPID USER!







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FAMILIAR

ZERO'S FAMILIAR

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